

CLAIMS

Please amend the claims in the manner set forth below:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of passivating galvanic zinc[/]-nickel coatings characterized in that the coating is treated with an oxidizing agent and the zinc-nickel coat is oxidized at pH 1.8.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, characterized in that a peroxide sulfate is used as oxidizing agent.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 characterized in that a conversion coat is applied to the passivated zinc[/]-nickel coat.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3, characterized in that the conversion coat is composed of a polymer wax.
(Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 characterized in that a coat of dry lubricant is applied to the passivated zinc-nickel coat.